(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make it effective?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) National Tuberculosis Control Programme has not achieved the expected results primarily because of the magnitude of the problem, inadequacy of funds, long duration of treatment involved and resultant difficulty in case holding and lack of understanding amongst common people about the seriousness of the problem.

(c) It is proposed to intensify the National Tuberculosis Control Programme by providing more resources and cover all districts under the Short Course Chemotherapy drug regimen by the end of Eighth Plan.

Family Planning Targets

225. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the family planning targets for different states during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise; and

(b) what are the actual achievements in respective states in corresponding years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Statements giving state-wise targets and achievements in respect of different family planning methods, namely IUD insertions, Oral Pill Users and Conventional Contraceptive Users for the last three years i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are enclosed at Annexure.

Levels of performance in respect of Sterilisation, State-wise are also given in the Annexure (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 6).

Promotion of Indian system of Medicines

226. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: what steps Government are taking to promote Indian systems of medicines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The Government is committed to promote Indian Systems of Medicine. Steps initiated in this regard include improvement in quality of education, promotion of research based primarily on the principles and philosophy of each of the systems, development of medicinal plants, laying of Pharmacopoeial standards etc.

The National Health Policy advocates that each of these Systems should be developed on their genius and to move towards a meaningful phased integration of Indigenous and Modern Systems.

Schemes taken for development include :

(a) Cultivation and Development of Medicinal Plants;

(b) Strengthening of Colleges of Indian Systems of Medicine;

(c) Upgrading the Departments for higher education and

(d) Reorientation training programmes for teachers and practitioners of ISM.

As against Rs. 43.25 crores allocated to Indian Systems of Medicine from Central Sector during 7th Plan, it has been increased to Rs. 88.00 crores during the 8th Plan.